

Application Serial No. 09/898,984
Reply to Office Action of July 15, 2004

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-12 are pending in the present application before this amendment. By the present amendment, Claims 2-3 and 12 have been amended. Claims 13-16 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Claim 2 has been amended to include --respectively-- as suggested by the Examiner. Withdrawal of objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 3-7 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶2 as being indefinite. Appropriate amendments have been made to Claims 2-3 and 12, and the issues of indefiniteness are considered to have been removed. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

All pending Claims 1-12 are indicated as either allowed or being allowable if the objected or rejected claims are amended to overcome standing objections or rejections. All standing objections or rejections are considered to have been overcome in view of the amendments above.

Claims 13-16 have been added. These new claims include a combination of features that were already found to be allowable in the Office Action. Accordingly, the new Claims 12-16 are also considered to be in condition for allowance and an indication thereof is respectfully requested.

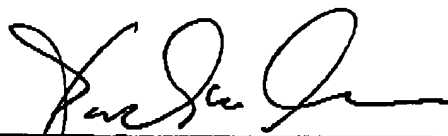
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For the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-16, now pending in this application, either have been allowed or are in condition for allowance. This amendment is considered to be responsive to all points raised in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance in the next action. Should the Examiner have any remaining questions or concerns, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to expeditiously resolve such concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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